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Ali Al-Timimi, a citizen of the United States, was convicted today on all counts by a jury of his peers for serious crimes against the United States. By his words and actions in the aftermath of the attacks on America of September 11, 2001, Timimi induced others to bear arms against the United States. He was convicted of attempting to aid our enemy, the Taliban, in their fight against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Al-Timimi was the founder of the so-called Virginia Jihad. He was an influential, spiritual leader at the Center for Islamic Information and Education and considered to be a scholar on matters related to Islam. By his treasonous criminal acts, he has proven himself to be a king pin of hate against America and everything we stand for, especially our freedom. He not only wanted Americans to die, he recruited others to his cause at a time when our country was mourning the loss of more than 3,000 people who were murdered in a heinous act of terrorism.

Today's conviction is a victory in our war against terrorism. Al-Timimi now faces the prospect of life in prison - a future we will endeavor to deliver to anyone convicted of using terror against us.

I want to thank the Special Agents of the FBI, Washington Field Office, for their hard work investigating this case and Assistant United States Attorney Gordon D. Kromberg and Department of Justice Trial Attorney John T. Gibbs who prosecuted this case for the government.

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